

## CHEER IS SIZZLING AT HOBO COLLEGE

So Are Stoves That Warm Up  
Reunion of Rare Spirits  
From Many Trails.

EVEN SIGNS DON'T GRATE

Poet Contributes Specimens of  
Unfettered Verse to In-  
crease Gayety.

A red hot, sizzling stove (the country store variety), twin Christmas trees lighted and decorated, a couple of cups of coffee and a row of solid coats along each side of the wall and you have a recipe that will make a Merry Christmas for any hobo from Frisco to the Battery.

Add to this the opportunity of meeting a lot of old cronies of the road that you haven't seen for ten years or more and you have achieved a temporary Arcadia. And then let a complete crew of reporters come along and ask you how many times you've been to the coast and back and whether you've ever hoboed it in Soviet Russia and the super-Christmas has unquestionably arrived.

Which is what happened last night at the Hobo College at 350 Bowery. Ulster County Mike and Frisco Brown sat in front of the stove looking as though they had just eaten respective canaries, while Roy Car Beasin and Empire City Rosie did the honors with a box of chocolates they'd brought back from the coast. Ulster being a poet of some parts maintained the dignity of his profession by enunciating rarely, but the ruminative look he cast at the fire and the enjoyment he experienced from expectorating accurately into the sand box were outward signs of his complete happiness.

Dean Gus Schaeffer was taking up signs on the wall to give the place the proper atmosphere on the opening night and he wanted it distinctly understood that the college has no connection whatever with anything Jeff Davis ever has been associated with. "Why that guy has a room at the McAlpin," mumbled Gus, taking a tack out of his mouth long enough to hammer up a placard that might be said to represent the Peak of Philosophy, to wit:

"Take Things Easy. You Can Always Go to Jail."

Ulster wandered over and without saying a word submitted a poem that he had dashed off one day last summer while he was doing time harvesting in the Catskills. Even a superficial perusal of the document shows why Ulster is glad to be back with the bunch on the Bowery, for he says:

"I have grown rather thin since I came to this place.  
And I don't look as good as I did in the face.  
The bright glow of health is fast leaving my cheek  
And that rich crimson color has gone from my cheek."  
The concluding verse shows why the allure has faded from those old hills and proves that Ulster is a reader of the classics.

"Since I've been a boy and lived around here I have seen the days of old Beveridge beer. The people round here are a queer lot of nugs.  
I'll have to get back with the rest of the bugs.  
In those Catskill Mountains, I'll have you to know.  
His wife chased him back and he had nowhere to go.  
So for twenty long years in the rain and the snow  
Sleep old Rip Van Winkle, our original blo."

Frisco Brown is another silent member of the community, but Bessie Mendez and Rosie Klein step forward pertly and are willing to tell you every stop they made from here to the coast; how they stayed three days at Salt Lake City and then hopped to Reno and bummed rides on the Lincoln Highway.

Several collegiates whisper furtively that Frisco Brown is a psycholanalyst, but how he got that way Frisco was too uncommunicative to explain. He joined the International Brotherhood of Hobos in Lima, Peru, in 1884, and has been going ever since. Been around the world so many times that he's overlapped himself and lost track. "Sixty years old, but I'm as young as a youngster. Yes, sir," And he looked it.

When the reporter left he and Ulster were still sitting in front of the stove, chewing the third round of chocolate that Roy Car Beasin had doled out for her Christmas present.

## R. W. CHANLER ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING DRY LAW

Accused of Pouring a Drink  
in Restaurant.

Robert Winthrop Chanler, artist, of 147 East Nineteenth street, divorced husband of Lina Cavalleri, former Sheriff of Dutchess county and grandson of John Jacob Astor, was arrested early yesterday in the afternoon at Carlo restaurant, 209 West Fifty-first street, on a charge of violating the Mullan-Gage liquor law. He was taken into custody by Patrolman John Coggin, stationed in the restaurant, when, it is alleged, he poured whiskey from a bottle labelled "White Rock."

Arraigned before Magistrate Peter A. Hattling in West Side court, Mr. Chanler was released in \$500 bail for examination Thursday. John Kennedy, 3440 Amsterdam avenue, manager of the Monte Carlo, arrested with Mr. Chanler, also was released in \$500 bail, his hearing being set for the same date.

## 'SUNDAY NIGHT FIREBUG' HUNTED IN MICHIGAN

Three Blazes Arouse Authorities of Town.

Monroe, Mich., Dec. 24.—Two fires started almost simultaneously, within a block of each other, in the downtown section to-night. They were followed by a third blaze, which threatened the destruction of the Monroe Fire Department.

The fires aroused the police, county officers and deputies from the State Fire Marshall's office to a renewal of their efforts to apprehend Monroe's "Sunday night firebug," who is blamed by them for fifteen fires, resulting in property losses approximating \$100,000 since December 1.

## CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION.

Veteran Accused by Mother of  
Sixteen-Year-Old Girl.

Arthur J. Edwards, 21, of 31 Vineyard avenue, Yonkers, a war veteran, was arrested yesterday charged with the abduction of Margaret Mansfield, 16, of 33 St. Joseph's avenue, Yonkers, whose parents and the police have been searching for her for a week. It is alleged that Edwards took the girl away without going through the formality of a marriage ceremony, kept her for a week and then left her early yesterday. The girl was taken home by her mother, who made the complaint against Edwards.

Charles W. Bots, City Judge, held Edwards in \$1,000 bail for a hearing to-morrow.

## She Argues Taximeter Up to \$2.30, Wins Case

KATHERINE PARKER, 20, of 569 West End avenue, who was arrested Saturday night when Matthew Sherman, a taxicab chauffeur, complained that she had refused to pay a cab bill of \$2.30, was discharged by Magistrate Hattling in West Side court yesterday. It was shown that Miss Parker's ride from Broadway to her home should have registered only 30 cents. While she and the chauffeur were arguing over the moving of a trunk the motor clock kept running, and registered \$2.30 when time came to settle.

## NEGRO KILLS NEGRO IN FIGHT.

Husband Says He Was Attacked  
When Searching for Wife.

Robert Shields, a negro laborer of 47 West 139th street, was shot and killed yesterday at noon by William Bentley, a negro restaurant keeper of 151 West 131st street. Bentley told the police that he went to the 139th street address to see his wife, Edna, from whom he is separated, and that Shields attacked him with a carving knife.

Bentley was arrested and sent to Harlem Hospital.

## HOLDUP MAN FLEES WITH POKER STAKES

Two Pals Caught When One  
Player Jumps Out Window  
and Gets Police.

Fifteen men—all friends of Alphonso Ruiz, a cigarmaker—were gathered about tables at a poker party in his apartment on the first floor of 230 East Seventy-fifth street early yesterday when a knock was heard at the door. Ruiz opened the door cautiously a few inches. Three men threw their combined weight against it and burst into the room with drawn revolvers. "Hands up, everybody," one intruder called. Instant response came from all the players except Zuoz Morrales, who is 21 and slender and he dropped to the floor unnoticed in the excitement and crawled under a poker table. He worked his way to a window and leaped to the ground ten feet or so below. Morrales was almost breathless with excitement as he reached the street and ran into Sergeant Eugene Moenau and Patrolmen Mullaney and Kilduff.

The collection from the poker players was still being taken up when the three

police men threw open the door of the apartment and rushed in, their revolvers in hand. One bandit scooped up the pocketbooks and watches on the table and vanished, cursing fluently, through the same window that had served Morrales. The two others were arrested without even attempting to put up a fight. They said they were Michael Aleksi, 20, of 1546 Second avenue, and William Marchant, also 20, of 345 East Seventy-sixth street. Magistrate Simpson in the Harlem court later held them in \$50,000 bail each for a hearing to-day on a charge of robbery.

## BOY, KICKED IN FIGHT, STABS HIS OPPONENT

Smaller Lad Says Victim Had  
Often Beaten Him.

James Splane, aged 13, of 210 East 101st street, was taken to Reception Hospital last night with a stab wound in his back after an altercation at Ninety-ninth street and Second avenue with Edward Nixon, aged 13, of 290 East 101st street. Nixon was arrested later on a charge of juvenile delinquency and was paroled in custody of his aunt, with whom he lives.

Nixon told Detectives Daugherty and Caputo of the East 104th street station that Splane, who is much larger, often beat him and that he retaliated yesterday afternoon. Nixon said that when Splane kicked him he pulled out his pen-knife and stabbed him.

# Arnold, Constable & Co.

FIFTH AVENUE AT FORTIETH STREET

## Special Disposals Beginning Tuesday Morning

We take inventory Saturday evening. In the interim we are going to get together all odd fashion groups, incomplete size lots, short lengths of carpets, silks and piece goods, and other merchandise not to be duplicated at present, and shall clear them out at a price.

## 65 Women's Dresses at 38.00

Before the holidays, duplicates sold for 55.00 to 95.00

Lovely straight line, draped and blouse models, fresh from the maker's workrooms, in Canton crepe, Poirer twill, wool matelasse, crepe Romain, crepe-de-Chine and satin. One or a few of a kind, in sizes 36 to 44, and in the colors most favored—brown, cocoa, tan, navy blue and black. Interesting details are beaded girdles in colors, plaited girdles of self material, and embroidered vestees and collars. Exceptionally well made.

## 100 Women's Dresses at 25.00

Made by a man who makes women's dresses only

The maker of these dresses is noted for his clever adaptation of current Parisian ideas to the individuality of the American woman. These pretty frocks are of crepe-de-Chine, Poirer twill and satin in sizes 36 to 44. Colors—cocoa, brown, navy blue and black. Details—lace collars and cuffs, self tuckings, decorative touches of embroidery, plain or paneled skirts.

## Misses' Frocks at 38.00

Duplicates sold last week for 55.00 to 79.50

35 of these are new. 30 are from stock. Afternoon frocks of crepe-de-Chine and satin in brown, navy blue, tan and black. And lovely dinner and dance frocks of lace, taffeta, lace and satin, chiffon, in jade, coral, French blue, rose and white. Sizes 14 to 18 in each group.

## Misses' Frocks at 25.00

Duplicates sold last week for 35.00 to 69.00

85, charming copies of this season's Paris models, sizes 14 to 18, beautifully tailored. Straight line, draped and coat dress frocks, of Poirer twill, Kasha cloth, matelasse, satin, crepe-de-Chine, in navy blue, brown and black. Interesting details—embroidered panels and sleeves, silk girdles, and side drapery caught up by fancy cabochons.

## Fur-collared Coats at 58.00

Women's and Misses' sizes. Priced before the holidays, special 79.50

50, in soft pile fabrics of excellent quality, in black and brown. Collars are of selected beaver, squirrel and caracul.

## Mounted Spanish Combs, Half Price

100 that were 2.50 to 12.50, now 1.50 to 6.25. Beautiful combs in a number of new designs and colorings.

## Imported Novelty Necklaces, 2.75

Imitation sapphires, amethyst, topaz, jade and lapis-lazuli. They were 3.50 to 7.50. Odd designs and color combinations. Some in plain colors.

## Men's Furnishings Are Less—

360 Silk Shirts, made up for us	were 4.50	Now 3.50
800 Scotch Madras Shirts	were 2.65	Now 2.00
700 Odd Shirts and Drawers	were 3.00-4.50	Now 1.50
200 Odd Shirts and Drawers	were 1.00-2.00	Now .75
250 Union Suits of white cotton	were 3.00	Now 1.50
300 Union Suits of natural merino	were 5.00	Now 3.50
250 Pairs of English Wool Socks, heavy	were 2.50	Now 1.25
400 Pairs of Lisle Socks. Sizes 9½ to 10½	were 1.50	Now .85
1000 Silk Neckties	were 1.00-2.00	Now .85
140 Sweaters, coat and waistcoat style	were 7.50	Now 5.00
55 Steamer Rugs, heavy all wool	were 8.50	Now 6.75

## Carpets and Rugs—Half Price and Less

Cut lengths and part rolls of Wilton, Wilton Velvet and Axminster carpets, total yardage aggregating 800 yards:

5 to 10 yd. lengths of 4.00 to 6.50 carpets, \$1.50 yard  
Over 10 yd. lengths, same carpets, 2.25 to 3.25 yard

Approximately 300 carpet samples, bound ends, made up of finest quality Wiltons and Axminsters:

27x54 inch samples of 6.50 a yd. Wiltons, 2.95 each  
27x36 inch samples of 6.50 a yd. Wiltons, 1.95 each  
27x54 inch samples of 4.00 to 5.25 a yd. Axminsters, 1.95 each  
27x36 inch samples of 4.00 to 5.25 a yd. Axminsters, 1.35 each

75 Rag Rugs, some slightly soiled, at half price:

4x 7 ft.	now 5.00 to 7.25	6x 9 ft.	now 6.25 to 9.25
8x10 ft.	now 10.00 to 13.50	9x12 ft.	now 17.50

160 heavy braided wool rugs, some slightly soiled, at half price:

Round	Oval
30x30 inch.	now 4.50
42x42 inch.	now 8.25
54x54 inch.	now 12.50
6x 6 feet.	now 22.50
8x 8 feet.	now 37.50
10x10 feet.	now 60.00
25x40 inch.	now 4.50
27x54 inch.	now 7.25
36x60 inch.	now 9.75
42x72 inch.	now 14.25
6x 9 feet.	now 36.25
9x12 feet.	now 65.00

Charge Purchases will appear on bills rendered February 1st  
**James McCreery & Co.** 34TH STREET

## Beginning Tomorrow—Tuesday Annual Reduction Sale of FURS



If you have "waited" to buy your fur coat—  
If you have received a check at Christmas to make  
your own selection—  
If you have just decided you want a fur coat—  
You will find in this reduction sale, the unusually  
good values you have been seeking.

Hudson Seal (dyed Muskrat) Coats, 40 inches long, self trimmed. Reduced from 365.00, <b>245.00</b>	Hudson Seal (dyed Muskrat) Coats, 40 inches long, Skunk collar and cuffs. Reduced from 365.00, <b>285.00</b>
Pony Coats in Black and Brown, 45 inches long, with Beaver or Rac- coon collars. Formerly 185.00, <b>65.00</b>	Hudson Seal (dyed Muskrat) Coats, 45 inches long, self trimmed. Reduced from 425.00, <b>325.00</b>
Hudson Seal (dyed Muskrat) Coats, 40 inches long, Squirrel col- lar and cuffs. Reduced from 395.00, <b>325.00</b>	Natural Muskrat Coats, 40 inches long, with Raccoon collar and cuffs. Reduced from 185.00, <b>145.00</b>
	Natural Raccoon Coats, 40 inches long. Reduced from 265.00, <b>215.00</b>

Also reduced prices on Children's Sets and Men's Fur Caps  
(Fourth Floor)

## Beginning Tomorrow—Tuesday Reductions and Special Sales of Women's and Misses' Apparel Also our Annual Sale of Gossard Corsets and Evening Slippers

## Some of the Special Disposals

20 per cent. off many attractive stationery accessories—desk sets, writing cases, 1923 diaries, shopping lists, engagement and address books, in various leathers and colors. Previous prices remain on tickets. Deduct one-fifth at time of purchase.

## HANDKERCHIEFS

Half price for women's imported novelty handkerchiefs which show evidences of having been handled. Third off women's and men's linen initialed handkerchiefs, white and colors, incomplete assortments. About a thousand handkerchiefs, now 10c to 1.65.

## 200 HAND-BAGS

were 3.95 to 6.50—now 3.00 each. Velvet, silk, Paisley, duvety, lined with silk. A few leather bags.

## WOMEN'S strap-wrist chamois lisle gloves—now 85c. 12-button strap-wrist chamois lisle gloves—broken sizes—now 85c. 2-clasp kidskin and 1-clasp cape- skin gloves—broken sizes and colors—now 1.25.

## CORSAJE and boutonnières of French flowers, slightly han- dled—one-third less.

## ART NOVELTIES—a small collection at one-fourth less.

## NEGLIGES—18 of chiffon velvet, silk lined, draped models with moulton trimming on neck; coral, rose, American Beauty and Copenhagen blue; were 29.50— now 22.50.

## PADDED ROBES—60 of crepe-de-Chine or satin in light blue, rose, Copenhagen blue, navy blue, and black; were 15.50 —now 12.50.